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Selectmen's Minutes 02-23-2004

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 23, 2004

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, and Mr. Lyons.
 Also Present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

1. Thank You to Acting Town Manager, Nancy T. Galkowski and
Introduction to Citizens Advisory Committee for Town Manager Search

Mr. Greeley welcomed Mr. Sullivan as the new Town Manager. Mr. Sullivan expressed he is looking forward to working with the Board and being part of the team.

Mr. Greeley also thanked and presented Mrs. Galkowski with a gift for her tremendous work for the last 16 months during difficult budget times. Mrs. Galkowski thanked the Board for their great support during that time and that she looks forward to working with the Board and Mr. Sullivan. She will continue her duties as Deputy Town Manager.

Mr. Greeley also thanked the Citizen's Advisory Committee for all their hard and fair work. Each Selectmen presented a gift to an Advisory Committee member.

2. Introduction of Web Master, Kevin Strange

Ruth Lewis, Comptroller

Mr. Strange informed the Board of the work he has been doing since he started 7 weeks ago. He works 20 hours a week-Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 6 to 7 hours a day.

He invites people to call or e-mail him with items for the website.

Telephone # 781-316-3980

e-mail kstrange@town.ma.us.arlington

He would love to have more volunteer support and has made the system to post items easier so that you can do it yourself.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

3. Appointment – New Election Workers

Susan Ann Caterino, 11 Menotomy Rd., Pct. 14, U

Clifford Scott Ananian, 57 Mystic St., Pct. 9, D

John H. Judkins, 9 Webster St., Pct. 1, U

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Reappointment – Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

Geraldine Tremblay

(term to expire 2/07)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

5. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 3/13/04
 Carla Dorato, Chair, Norcross Stratton School PTO
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
6. Request: To Erect Signs
 Tom Portentosio, President, BNI, Mass. Ave. Chapter
 The Selectmen agreed that all charitable organizations using signage in Arlington should submit a report for the Board to review concerning their contributions to Arlington. It was also agreed upon for Brian Sullivan to research and develop a sign policy with criteria to use by the B.O.S. when voting on sign requests.
 Mr. Lyons moved to table until March 29th meeting SO VOTED (5-0)
7. Request: Use of Publicity Board, 3/8-3/13
 Kim Fechtel & Charlotte Pierce, Arlington Spanish Network
 Ms. Fechtel would like to put up a sign out front of the Town Hall from 3/8-3/14 advertising the Spanish fiesta. She would like to at least use the sign on the 14th from 10:00am-2:00pm during the event.
 Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

8. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

9. For Discussion: Status Update CDBG Report
 Kevin O'Brien, Director, Planning and Redevelopment
 Mr. Lyons moved receipt of report. SO VOTED (5-0)
10. Warrant Article Hearings
 Article 4 Election of Assistant Town Moderator
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
- Article 14 Bylaw Amendment/Temporary Signs II
 Mr. Carabello reported that the Parks & Rec Commission would like to initiate a sign program charging for temporary advertising. The money would go to help parks and user group fees. Town Counsel Maher responded that the money would have to go to the General Fund and that current by-laws would have to be changed or deleted. Also that if it is done with the Town Manager as a partnership you could get around the Town Manager Act.
 Mr. Lyons moved approval to refer this matter to Town Counsel to be researched, have the article rewritten, and to set up a revolving fund so the money would be used for parks, to keep the user group fees low. SO VOTED (5-0)
- Article 19 Bylaw Amendment/Snow Removal/Residences
 Article 20 Bylaw Amendment/Snow Removal Apartments/Condominiums
 Article 21 Bylaw Amendment/Snow Removal/Businesses
- Mr. Hurd reported that the intent of these articles is to enforce by-law rules and fees.
 Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
- Article 24 Bylaw Amendment/Recreational Vehicles
 Chief Ryan asked the Selectmen to back this article to control the issue of motorized devices on sidewalks and streets. He feels the public safety risk outweighs individual rights.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 27 Bylaw Amendment/Dog Parks

This article asks to designate a fenced in dog area within a park.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 30 Amendment Bylaw/Control of Parks

This article is to control the use of parks in bad weather. There was discussion on the decision-making and how it is communicated.

Mr. Lyons moved to refer this to Town Counsel to be rewritten with more information and that the Board supports the insertion of this article.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Lyons asked the Town Manager, Mr. Sullivan, to write a letter to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to lengthen the MDC rink lease by asking the legislation to allow Arlington a longer lease time. Mr. Carabello stated the Parks & Rec Commission would support this because of the Town's capital investment involved.

Correspondence Received

David Hildt Request for support of Computer Take Back Bill Be Rec'd

Mayor, Amesbury

Mrs. Dias moved support of the Computer Take Back Bill and wants a letter sent out in support from the B.O.S.

SO MOVED (5-0)

Christine Deshler Snow plowing complaint Be Rec'd

65 Huntington Rd.

Mrs. Dias asked Mr. Sullivan to look into this matter.

William Rowe Letter of thanks re Building Dept. Be Rec'd

11 Water St.

Mr. Greeley asked Mrs. Krepelka to forward the letter to the Building Inspector.

Frederick Laskey Preliminary FY2005 budget Be Rec'd

MWR

Mrs. Dias asked Mr. Lyons for any thoughts on how to go about the mitigation of the CSO for Arlington similar to South Boston beach treatment of storm water reported in a Globe editorial.

Mr. Lyons suggested a strategy of asking MEPA not to make a final judgement on CSO in respect to Alewife Brook, just do a temporary fix. Then revisit it in 3 to 4 years when the Clean Water Act and scientific argument is on the Town's side.

Mrs. Dias referred the matter to Mr. Sullivan to talk with Mrs. Galkowski for information then talk to town consultants and MEPA.

John F. Maher Lease Termination Be Rec'd

Town Counsel

Mr. Maher reported that the Lahey at Symmes and the Town have been in discussion over resolution of Lahey to stay short term at the site. The intent is to recommend to I.A.Fish that Lahey, be the medical kept on sight with the development. Arlington wants to encourage Lahey to stay short and long term. Mr. Maher also would like to have a need assessment of Arlington Health issues concerning the distribution of grant money between the Chapter 501CC and Lahey.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lyons referred to Town Counsel an e-mail issue of whether and how to distribute the web-master report.

Mr. Lyons stated that he is concerned that Article 5 or 6 will come up at the Special Town Meeting that he cannot attend. He believes it would be a gross mistake with the Town Manager Act. He urges Town Meeting members not to support or pass.

Mr. Hurd reported that redistricting/consolidating the voting process is still being worked on and won't be ready until fall 2004.

Changing the voting process 13 precincts to 8 or 9 will save about \$20,000.

Mr. Hurd can't make the Snow and Ice Meeting tomorrow night please reschedule it. Mrs. Mahon will contact Mrs. Krepelka to reschedule.

Mr. Greeley invited all citizens and Town Meeting members to a reception to meet the new Town Manager, Mr. Sullivan, Wednesday February 25th at 7:00PM in the Selectmen's Hearing Room before the Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Greeley announced that February 26th at the Symmes Hospital cafeteria I.A.Fish will conduct a hearing to listen to public concerns.

Mr. Greeley wants to put I.A.Fish on the Selectmen's agenda for March 15th for a 15-minute presentation on Symmes.

Mr. Greeley asked for the Selectmen "pay as you go" committee member names:

- Mr. Lyons-Jack Crowley
- Mr. Hurd-Nancy Maserian

Mr. Greeley-Richard Bowler

Mrs. Mahon-Dan Tobin

Mrs. Dias-Peter Allison

Mrs. Mahon reported that she and Mr. Hurd went to the reception for Irene Katz and extended thanks from the B.O.S.

Mrs. Mahon extended condolences to the Fitzpatrick Family for the loss of their father.

Mrs. Mahon would like Mr. Sullivan to look into taking advantage of the Democratic Convention tourism for Arlington's historic sights and hotel (like Concord and Lexington).

Mrs. Mahon congratulated the Fire Department on their work on the Bartlett Ave fire. She asked Mr. Sullivan to look into the Fire budget, which is \$120,000 short and investigate where money can come from to keep all the firefighters-she is opposed to laying off any firefighters.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:20P.M.

A true record: Attest:

Marie Krepelka

Board Administrator

Executive Session